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IN HONOR OF FATHER O'REILLY

St. Joseph's Total Abstinence and Beneficial Society on Saturday evening tendered a banquet in honor of Father M. I. O'Reilly's return from the Holy Land, which proved an exceedingly fine affair.

The society in question is made up of the male members of St. Joseph's Catholic church. It was organized as far back as in 1875 and is prospering.

The banquet Saturday evening was an informal affair and will be remembered with pleasure not only by the members but by the pastor whom it was designed to honor.

Father Voin, pastor of St. Hubert's Catholic church, was the guest of honor. Among those who responded with speeches were: First President, James Finnigan; Ex President, John Hooley; and President John Jones.

After speaking making there was music. Solos were rendered by Daniel McCormick, John Jones, William Pickens, Edward Scott, James Powers, Frank McQue, Charles Mullen and Edward McVey.

Caesar Young's Widow Sailed for Europe

NEW YORK, May 17.—Mrs. Caesar Young, widow of the bookmaker who met his death mysteriously in a cab, sailed today for Europe on the steamer Majestic.

It was reported that the couple had been married and were sailing on their honeymoon, but this was denied later by Mrs. Bernard S. McKee, sister of Mrs. Young.

The day Young met his death he and his wife were to sail for Europe. Mrs. Young is now taking the long deferred voyage.

STARCHERS ON STRIKE IN TROY FACTORIES

TROY, N. Y., May 17.—A general strike of starchers is now on in all the factories of Troy that have their own laundries.

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MORTON WILL LEAVE CABINET VERY SOON

NEW YORK, May 17.—Paul Morton, Secretary of the Navy, who expects to retire shortly, is in New York today planning and arranging for the future.

Pardon Granted David Barrett.

The Board of Pardons infrequently session at Harrisburg yesterday granted a pardon to David Barrett of this place who is undergoing imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary.

Raver-Thomas.

Frank Clark Raver and Miss Minto Ann Thomas were united in matrimony on Wednesday, May 10th.

FOR SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

Charles Chalfant, Esq., has been chosen as delegate to the Democratic State Convention, which will be held at Harrisburg Wednesday next, May 24th.

Pursuant to a call from the County Chairman the members of the Democratic Standing Committee of Montour County, convened at the Court House yesterday for the purpose of electing a delegate to the State Convention.

The following committees of their substitutes were present: Anthony township, Samuel Hiler and S. J. Dennen.

Cooper township, Alfred Blocher and James Bayler. Danville—1st ward, Arthur G. Jameson and John G. Waite; 2nd ward, W. Fred Jacobs; 4th ward, George Bachinger and Patrick Scott.

Derry township, Charles W. Stamm and Jacob S. Umstead. Liberty township, William J. Clark and A. A. Falls.

Mahoning township, Michael Breckbill. Valley township, Elmer Sidler and Pierce Appleman.

Washingtonville, Elmer Ootser and Thomas F. Kerwell. West Hemlock township, William P. Moore and C. J. Deighmiller.

Charles Chalfant, Esq., was unanimously chosen as delegate to the Democratic State Convention. Thomas F. Kerwell of Washingtonville was chosen as alternate.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, Our late Representative in Congress, Hon. C. H. Dickerman, has faithfully and impartially discharged the duties of his office, therefore

Resolved, That we endorse his official acts as those of an able and conscientious representative. Whereas, Our Representative in the State Senate, J. Henry Cochran, has ably and faithfully served the constituency of his district, therefore

Resolved, That we likewise approve him as an able and careful representative in whose care the public interests are at all times safe.

Whereas, The voice and the vote of our Representative, R. S. Ammerman while in the Legislature has always been found to be on the side of the people, in consonance with the palpable conception of their rights—for such laws as would benefit all the people and against all forms of corrupt legislation and machine rule, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend him to the voters of Pennsylvania as a candidate for Judge of the Superior Court and further

Resolved, That we instruct our delegate to use all honorable means to insure his nomination.

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Opening Game on Saturday.

The opening game of base ball will be played at DeWitt's Park on Saturday afternoon between the Danville base ball club and Springfield.

RIVER BRIDGE WAS INSPECTED

The inspection of the river bridge took place during Saturday forenoon according to the program outlined in this paper last Thursday.

The inspectors were at their work considerably before 10 o'clock. Each of them is an expert of recognized ability and they went about the inspection in a way which showed that they were able to take in the big structure as a whole and to size up the minutest details of construction all at the same time.

Armed with the plans and specifications they went over the entire length of the bridge comparing the iron work of the bridge with the dimensions of the same specified in the plans.

It was scarcely 11 o'clock when they completed the superstructure. Next in Dan Ross' naphtha launch they made a tour of the substructure inspecting the piers and the bottom of the bridge.

About an hour was consumed in this work, after which they went into session in the grand jury room at the Court House.

The inspection attracted a good many citizens to the bridge. In this number were several Councilmen, in addition to Messrs. Cooper, Cook and Leighton, the Board of County Commissioners.

The subject of wingwall was next taken up by the County Commissioners. Whether to rebuild the upper wingwall or to try to overcome the defect in some way in fixing up the approach was the question.

Engineer Leonard Saturday, made a practical suggestion as to remedying the defect, which found favor with some. Others—perhaps the larger number—saw no other remedy than the tearing down of the wall and rebuilding it at a different angle.

The Commissioners decided to create a new wingwall. The present one will be permitted to stand, only the coping being removed.

The new wingwall will be built on a line with upper sidewalk of the bridge and will extend just as far as the one built by the bridge contractors.

A heavy corbel will extend from the end of the wall at the same angle down to the front street. The effect of this will be not only to remove an ugly defect which detracts much from the appearance, but also to widen out the approach, making travel more convenient.

The building of the wall was left to D. J. Rogers, who in order that no delay might occur, began work yesterday afternoon.

A large quantity of stone on the spot will be used in the new wall. The work will proceed rapidly and will probably be completed about the time street paving is finished.

Exposed to Danger. The workmen on the trolley track on East Market street, are much annoyed by children who crowd upon the track and expose themselves to injury.

The men must have elbow room. Poles and sledges are flying about in all directions and the boy or girl simply enters a game of chance when he or she attempts to circulate among the workmen.

The painful accident which befell Thos. R. Evans Monday evening well illustrates in how many different ways a person may be exposed to danger when standing upon the track while work is in progress.

The matter is thus alluded to that it may be brought to the attention of parents, teachers and others who should employ all measures possible to keep the children off the track.

WILL REBUILD THE WINGWALL

The upper wingwall of the approach to the river bridge on the Danville side of the river, which has formed the subject of so much discussion of late, is to be rebuilt by the County Commissioners.

A joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners and the Streets and Bridges Committee of Council was held yesterday morning to come to some understanding relative to the approach to the bridge.

The full board of Commissioners, Messrs. Cook, Cooper and Leighton, was present along with Messrs. Yastine, Ratsnyder, Boyer and Dietrich of the Committee on Streets and Bridges.

After looking over the grounds the party withdrew to the Grand Jury room where some time was spent in discussion. The jurisdiction of the Borough extends up the approach only six or eight feet, the width of the pavement on the South Side of Front street.

The committee of Council took the view that the approach should have sidewalks and were determined to live up to their convictions by installing a curb, on one side as far as the Borough's jurisdiction extends.

The County Commissioners, however, had resolved not to maintain a sidewalk on the approach, but to pave from wingwall to wingwall.

The interchange of thought was futile to change the plans of either the Committee or the Board of Commissioners and the work will have to be completed accordingly, paving the entire width of the approach down to the borough's line, where a sidewalk with the usual curbing will break the surface.

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FOUR HOUSES BURGLARIZED

Our town on Saturday morning was thrown into a state of excitement by news that several burglaries had been committed during the night.

Four houses were robbed, the burglars getting away with considerable booty. Three houses broken into were situated on East Market street.

At the fourth house, East Market street, occupied by Abram Burger, the burglars were in the point of gaining admittance when Mrs. Thompson, a daughter, was awakened, who gave the alarm.

The burglars, two in number, escaped, but in passing under the electric light lamp they were seen by Newton Parsel, who noted that they were men both short of stature.

At Frank Berger's the burglars broke open a window and stole a gold watch belonging to Mrs. Berger. They did not arouse any of the inmates and Mr. and Mrs. Berger did not know they were robbed until Saturday morning.

At Whiteford Ford's they also forced an entrance through a window and operated so quietly that they did not cause any alarm. They there stole eight dollars in money.

At John Johns' the burglars found one of the windows raised and a screen inserted. They had no difficulty in gaining entrance here.

Inside they ran across a lot of estates and parlots of quite a lunch, leaving the remnants of their feast scattered over the floor. Their booty consisted of a child's bank containing a small sum of money.

Leaving East Market street the burglars proceeded to the D. L. & W. station where they attacked the hotel opposite conducted by Eugene Meyer.

They here forced their way through a window into the bar room. The cash register contained about \$3. This they carried out on the railroad breaking it open and removing the money. They also stole from the hotel four bottles of whiskey and five boxes of cigars.

The burglars were evidently strangers and suspicion pointed to a group of hobos who were found in hiding about the Bessemer blast furnace, Saturday, but who were routed during the afternoon.

Edwin Floore Valedictorian.

The seniors of the High School have completed their work for the year and are now enjoying a vacation of two weeks preparatory to Commencement.

Edwin Moore carries off first honors. Catherine Yastine has second honors. Other members of the class who have attained an average of 95 for the last three years are as follows: Verena Reed, Bertha Kase, Bessie Hooley, Amanda Youngman, Mary Lyon.

The following are down for orations at Commencement: Edwin Moore—"The Unknown"; Catherine Yastine—"The Hercules of Modern Nations"; Lucretia Rhodes—"Rowing, Not Drifting"; Verena Reed—"Winning Elements"; Mary Lyon—"Modern Cerberus"; Bessie Hooley—"Class Poem"; Presentations will be made by Marie Fetterman and Amanda Youngman.

Bertha Kase will deliver the Mantle Oration. Isabelle Blue will accept the Mantle. Blanche Seehler—"Class History"; Helen Tooley—"Class Prophecy"; Department of Music. The music recital, which was a feature of the close of the school term last year will be repeated this season and will take place in the High School room on the evening of Friday, May 26th, at 8 o'clock and will last one hour.

The object of holding the recital on the evening instead of during the day as last year is to give parents of pupils, employed during the day, an opportunity to be present.

DANVILLE HOLDS LOVING CUP

The Danville Gun Club is holding a two days' blue rock shoot at Hunter's Park, which began Tuesday.

Conditions were fairly favorable for shooting and some good totals were attained. Following is the score:

Event No. 1, ten targets—H. Money, 10; Hess, 10; Tovey, 5; Rohrer, 2; Speiser, 9; Rudy, 7; Dietz, 8.

Event No. 2, fifteen targets—H. Money, 11; Hess, 10; Tovey, 7; Rohrer, 6; Speiser, 11; Rudy, 10; Dietz, 12.

Event No. 3, twenty targets—H. Money, 18; Hess, 15; Tovey, 12; Rohrer, 6; Speiser, 15; Dietz, 14; Money, 16; Derr, 9; Menzbach, 10.

Event No. 4, fifteen targets—H. Money, 12; Hess, 14; Tovey, 11; Speiser, 12; Rudy, 13; Dietz, 12; Money, 10; Derr, 13; Menzbach, 13; Lawrence, 12.

Event No. 5, ten targets—H. Money, 10; Hess, 9; Tovey, 9; Rohrer, 5; Speiser, 8; Rudy, 6; Dietz, 9; Money, 6; Derr, 9; Menzbach, 4; Lawrence, 7.

Event No. 6, twenty targets—H. Money, 19; Hess, 14; Tovey, 12; Speiser, 16; Dietz, 17; Money, 17; Money, 17; Derr, 11; Menzbach, 12.

Event No. 7, fifteen targets—H. Money, 15; Hess, 14; Tovey, 8; Rohrer, 10; Speiser, 12; Dietz, 13; Money, 10.

Event No. 8, fifteen targets—Money, 14; Hess, 13; Tovey, 10; Speiser, 13; Rudy, 12; Dietz, 15; Derr, 10; Menzbach, 13; Lawrence, 13.

Event No. 9, twenty targets—H. Money, 18; Hess, 15; Speiser, 15; Dietz, 17; Money, 15; Derr, 14; Menzbach, 16.

Event No. 10, fifteen targets—H. Money, 13; Hess, 15; Speiser, 13; Rudy, 8; Dietz, 12; Money, 12.

Event No. 11, fifteen targets—H. Money, 14; Hess, 13; Speiser, 13; Rudy, 14; Dietz, 13; Money, 14.

Event No. 12, ten targets—H. Money, 10; Hess, 9; Speiser, 7; Rudy, 7; Dietz, 9; Money, 5.

Totals—H. Money, 164; Hess, 154; Tovey, 74; Rohrer, 29; Speiser, 144; Rudy, 77; Dietz, 145; Money, 113; Derr, 66; Menzbach, 65; Lawrence, 92.

The annual spring Target Tournament of the Danville Gun Club, which began Tuesday morning, came to a close last evening.

The shoot was one of the most successful ever held by the Danville club.

WANT TO BUY THE FERRY

Now that the river bridge has been completed and the prospects are that it will be turned over to the two counties at almost any day the logical sequence would seem to be that we will have little more use for the ferry boat with the cable, etc., making up its equipment.

As a consequence communications are being received at the office of the County Commissioners looking to the purchase of the ferry outfit.

The free ferry up to the present stands the two counties about one thousand dollars. The outfit has been in use a trifle over a year and while it has depreciated somewhat the Commissioners think it ought to be cheap at one half of its cost, or five hundred dollars, and have decided upon that figure as a price.

The ferry boat is one of the largest and best used on the North Branch and it is wanted at several points where bridges taken away by the ice gorge have not yet been replaced.

According to indications Danville itself may use the ferry for an indefinite time longer. Up to the present the County Commissioners have had no word as to the nature of the inspectors' report who examined the bridge last Saturday and it is not known whether or not the report has been presented to the Dauphin County Court.

Complications relating to the approach at the South Side are such as to make it impossible to predict when the bridge may be thrown open to the public.

Meanwhile the farmers of Rush and Gearhart townships are subjected to no end of inconvenience and feel very much aggrieved that now when the bridge is at last completed there should be so much delay.

When they visit town they often find it almost impossible to get through with their business in time to catch the ferry before it closes down for the night.

Now that the river approaches low water mark the ferry begins to make slower time. At certain hours there is quite a congestion of wagons entailing a long and tedious wait at each landing.

At 11 o'clock yesterday morning there were some fifteen vehicles waiting on the Danville side. Half a dozen of these were taken on the ferry, leaving nine; of that number at least one-half were left behind on the following trip and had to wait for the greater part of an hour.

Undoubtedly we are entering upon a season when all the delays and annoyances of ferry travel experienced before are about to be repeated, which makes it especially unfortunate that anything should occur to prevent the use of the bridge.

Celebrated Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Shannon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their pleasant home at Riverside, yesterday, surrounded by their sons, daughters and grandchildren and a large number of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon were married at Bloomsburg, May 17th, 1855, by Rev. John Moorehead, and subsequently removed to Riverside in 1871.

During their residence in this community they have made many friends. They have been faithful workers in St. Peter's M. E. church. Mr. Shannon was actively engaged in business in this city until about a year ago, when he retired.

The day was spent most delightfully by the host and hostess and their guests. Many beautiful and valuable presents were received by the venerable couple.

Among the guests present were: Jacob Hess, Mrs. Bruce Kepner, Mrs. John Shannon, of Berwick; Henry F. Oman and Mrs. Frederick Lecher, of Wilkesbarre; Mr. and Mrs. William Lorah and Mr. and Mrs. John Dewald, of Hughesville; Mr. and Mrs. John Landau, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyer and Joseph Wellington Shannon, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. John Keim, Mrs. Reuben Boyer, Miss Ruth Boyer, of Danville, and from Riverside the following: Rev. and Mrs. Emory T. Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gulick, Mr. and Mrs. John Conway, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Youcum, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Morrill, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hess and son Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hummer, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Shannon, daughters Helon and Ethel and son Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. William Kimbel and daughters Margaret, Mabel, Dorothy and Harriet and sons Joseph and Albert, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bird and daughters Eva, Esther, Anna and Florence and son Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Morrill and son Harold, Messadmes Celestia Gearhart, John Geist, Hannah Pitzer, Sarah Cleaver, Margaret Kennedy, Hannah Bird, Dorcas Dimmik, Charles Haughwout, C. O. Sholtz, William Treas, Emma Shannon and children, Ralph and Miriam, Catherine Hazlett, Eli Hoover, Miss Hannah Gearhart, Messrs. Isaac Hoffman and George Gardner.

TO MANUFACTURE DRY BATTERIES

Developments have occurred in manufacturing circles during the last few days in the light of which it does not seem improbable that Danville may have a new industry.

William Roobe of New York, manufacturer of the Standard Dry Battery, together with his manager, T. A. Casey, has just paid Danville a visit, Mr. Roobe returning home Saturday and Mr. Casey yesterday afternoon.

The two gentlemen have interested themselves in the organization of a new Company for the manufacture of the Rempe self-winding clock.

While in this city they investigated the vacant buildings of the Bessemer Steel plant, one or more of which they had well adapted to the manufacture of their commodity.

The Standard Dry Battery is used in the manufacture of the Rempe clock and that in itself is a reason why Mr. Roobe would like to locate his factory in Danville.

There are however, other reasons that influence him, such as Danville's favorable location, its proximity to coal and its excellent shipping facilities to say nothing of the town's desirability as a place of residence.

Mr. Roobe being interested in the organization of the new company it is not unlikely that the manufacture of the Rempe clock and the Standard Dry Battery used may be consolidated.

A great amount of bulky material enters into the manufacture of the dry battery, while the principal part of the product is disposed of in New York City. The item of freight, therefore, becomes a matter of serious consideration.

Although things look very favorable for a new industry nothing will be done toward locating here until Mr. Roobe has taken up the matter of freight with the D. L. & W. Railroad Company.

RAILROAD WRECK INVESTIGATION

That the terrific explosions which proved so fatal in Thursday's railroad wreck at Lohel were due to the igniting of powder by live coals which may have been scattered among the boxes and heaps of explosives formed the gist of the testimony at the corner's inquest. Experts and chemists in the manufacture of powder showed that the kind of explosive that was packed in the demolished car was of a low grade and it could not be exploded except by heat at a temperature of 300 degrees Fahrenheit, or by a dynamic spark from a percussion cap and not under any circumstances by concussion.

Similar expert testimony disproved the theory of a burst gas tank. The hearing was concluded late Tuesday afternoon. The testimony was given by the crew of the freight train which was wrecked by the sudden application of the air brakes, and it was this wreck into which the passenger train, second section of the express, train, crashed.

The freight train had been flagged and in stopping, two cars were backed; so that it was impossible to flag the passenger train. One of the cars contained about 20,000 pounds of low-grade powder, which was exploded by a blaze starting from the wrecked engine, and not by concussion.

Among the witnesses were Howard Fry, brakeman; Lawrence Shaffer, freeman; Conductor Kilpatrick; O. W. Kauffman, front brakeman; and John G. Best, engineer of the wrecked freight engine. Engineer Best testified that he made the ordinary application of six pounds air pressure and followed it with six pounds.

General Superintendent O'Leigh explained for the benefit of the jury, that after a searching investigation made by the railroad officials, they had learned that the car back of the 37th car, containing the powder, was a steel car, which slightly protruded upon the passenger track and into the engine of the passenger train had evidently crashed.

Testimony was also given by Dr. C. B. Dudley, an expert chemist, who testified the explosion was caused by the powder, and not by concussion.

The coroner was assisted in the investigation by County Solicitor Miller and District Attorney Weiss. Lyman D. Gilbert of Harrisburg, appeared as attorney for the railroad company.

Attending the hearings besides General Superintendent O'Leigh, of the Main Line, were C. A. Preston, superintendent of the Middle division, and superintendent W. B. McAleeb, of the Philadelphia division; M. Trapp, general superintendent of transportation; R. N. Darborow, superintendent of motive power; J. Alexander, air brake expert; M. Kline, chief car inspector, and H. S. G. Kerbaugh, railroad contractor, to whom the fatal powder was consigned.

State Odd Fellows. SCRANTON, May 17.—The business of the state grand lodge of Odd Fellows this morning was principally devoted to roll call and speech making. Past Grand Master Amos Hall presented a resolution on a suitable testimonial to Grand Treasurer M. Richard Muckle, who will be installed for the fiftieth successive time as grand treasurer of the order. The testimonial will be presented at this afternoon's session. An amendment to the by-laws, providing for the assistant grand secretary, was adopted.

Much good is expected to follow the recent railway congress in both the management and operation of roads.

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